



# Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition

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## More Rain Disrupts Fieldwork

There were 4.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending October 30, 2016, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Farmers worked long hours harvesting corn and soybeans on Monday and Tuesday of this week. But widespread heavy rain on Wednesday and intermittent showers over the weekend stalled fall fieldwork yet again. Temperatures were above normal, but overcast conditions and reduced daylight kept fields from drying out. The soybean harvest was nearing completion, though the harvest of some fields was reportedly delayed due to wet soils. Producers were battling mud to combine corn wherever possible. Several reporters commented that rutting and standing water will interfere with fall tillage and manure spreading.

**Topsoil moisture** supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 71 percent adequate and 28 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 72 percent adequate and 27 percent surplus.

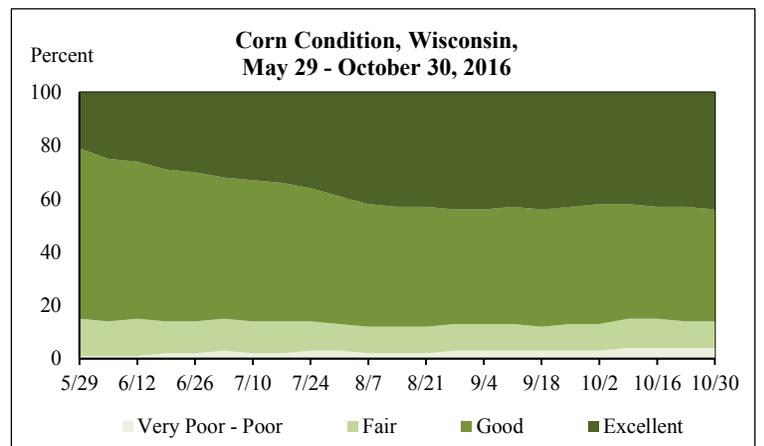
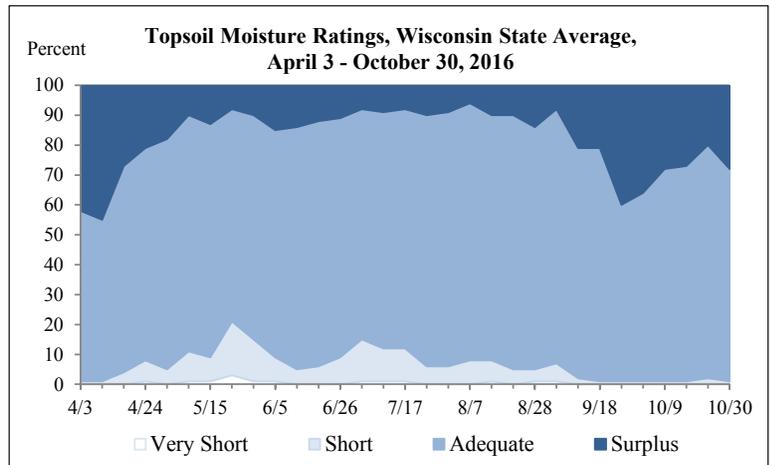
As of October 30, 52 percent of the state's **corn** for grain had been harvested, 2 days behind last year, and slightly behind the 5 year average. The average moisture of corn harvested for grain this week was 19 percent, 1 percentage point lower than last week. Corn condition was 86 percent good to excellent.

**Soybeans** were 86 percent harvested, 7 days behind last year, but the same as the 5 year average.

Ninety-one percent of **winter wheat** was planted. Seventy-two percent of winter wheat was emerged, 4 days behind last year. Winter wheat was rated 81 percent good to excellent, 4 percentage points below last week.

Fall **tillage** was 41 percent complete, up 9 percentage points from last week.

**Pasture** condition was rated 67 percent good to excellent, 4 percentage points behind last week.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of October 30, 2016

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn.....	1	3	10	42	44
Pasture & Range	3	5	25	47	20
Winter Wheat.....	1	1	17	51	30

Wisconsin Crop Progress as of October 30, 2016

Crop and percent of acreage	District average									State average			
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
Corn Harvested for Grain.....	51	57	29	50	35	51	63	57	52	52	38	57	53
Fall Tillage.....	47	49	24	28	53	44	41	41	49	41	32	51	43
Soybeans Harvested.....	91	86	68	88	81	89	84	87	88	86	71	93	86
Winter Wheat Planted.....	97	76	86	99	91	90	89	94	93	91	83	96	n.a.
Winter Wheat Emerged.....	91	38	64	90	73	72	67	80	65	72	60	78	n.a.

n.a.=not available

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions as of October 30, 2016

Item	District average									State average		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last Year
Days Suitable	5.0	4.2	4.4	3.8	4.3	4.1	4.6	4.1	3.3	4.2	5.7	4.1
Topsoil Moisture	Percent									Percent		
Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Short.....	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	4	0	1	2	8
Adequate.....	72	70	79	80	73	51	82	65	72	71	78	79
Surplus.....	28	30	20	20	26	49	17	31	28	28	20	12
Subsoil Moisture	Percent									Percent		
Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Short.....	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	2	12
Adequate.....	75	84	74	80	76	47	81	64	81	72	78	81
Surplus.....	22	16	24	20	24	53	19	33	19	27	20	5

**Selected Quotes from Farm Reporters and County Ag Agents**

All comments are used in creating this report, but only a few are published below.

**BAYFIELD/DOUGLAS-C.B.:** Pasture condition getting worse due to late time of the year. Most corn silage harvest is done.

**RUSK-G.P.:** Corn and soybean harvest continues with good yields and generally good quality. Some mold showing up in some of the corn, but not bad compared to other reports. Fall tillage is creeping along but there is still a fair amount of crop in the field. At this point it is a trade-off with dropping moisture and losses in the field.

**CLARK-A.K.:** The fields were getting so you could drive most places. We had 1.4 inches of rain and little showers since then, making field work stop in most places and deeper ruts where you tried to work.

**SHAWANO-B.R.:** More wet weather causing major concerns with the soybeans that are still in the field. Field conditions deteriorated considerably with many areas of excess moisture causing a lot of ruts and delays in harvesting corn and hauling manure. Corn has been yielding very well with moisture in the 17-24 percent range. Many farmers had soybean average yields in the mid to upper 50s for bushels per acre.

**BUFFALO-S.M.:** Still recovering from flooding.

**EAU CLAIRE-J.C.:** Corn harvest continues with above average yields being reported. Manure application and some tillage being completed.

**PORTAGE-J.W.:** Heavy mid-week rain stopped all field activity. Cranberry harvest nearing completion. Supplemental feeding of pastured stock starting.

**WAUPACA-D.L.H.:** The fall harvest has slowed due to Wednesday's rainstorm. With water standing on low spots, it will take a week of dry weather to get things going again.

**MANITOWOC-M.R.:** 1-3 inches of rain across the county on Wednesday brought all field work to a standstill. There may be some farms that will need to wait until the ground freezes to finish harvesting some crops.

**KEWAUNEE-T.S.:** October has turned out to be a very wet month in this area. This extra water has slowed down the progress of the corn harvest, which at this point is the crop with the most acres left to bring in. Very close to an inch of rain fell this week, and now there is water standing in quite a few places. Even fields that are tilled have been having problems carrying the rain away fast enough so the ground can dry. Weather conditions at this time of year don't really allow for a quick period of drying. Sunshine, wind and warmer temperatures will be needed for the ground to stiffen. Even so, the corn harvest will continue whether there is mud or not. Four wheel drive combines have been a must this fall. There are a lot of ruts producers will have to deal with when doing their fall tillage. The excessive rain will also cause problems with manure applications. With wet fields, application rates may be lowered, meaning more acres will be needed to get all the manure taken care of. Equipment getting stuck will be more common now until the ground dries or freezes. The winter wheat that has been planted is looking good for the most part. With the ground saturated and the calendar coming up to November, the chances of anyone planting any more wheat this year are low. Some producers were taking the opportunity to harvest some late season alfalfa the past couple of weeks. The hay will be added to the feed in storage to get the producers to next year. Most of the soybean harvest wrapped up before the rain came earlier last week.

**VERNON-K.L.:** The county received about 2.0 inches of rain on Wednesday which slowed down harvest. Producers switching from soybeans to corn to keep running. Reports of good yields and test weights.

**DODGE-R.H.:** Monday and Tuesday were excellent days: lots of hay harvested, corn stalks made for bedding, soybean stubble made for bedding, soybeans harvested with yields averaging around 65 bushel per acre with 13 percent moisture. Then 3 inches of rain came on Wednesday. Nothing done in the fields since then.

**KENOSHA-R.R.:** A lot of rain - 2 plus inches left water standing around. Very little field will be done next week

**Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on October 30, 2016**

City	Temperature						Growing degree days (modified base 50) 1/		Precipitation				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal*	Mar. 1 to Oct. 29	Mar. 1 to Oct. 29 normal*	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	54	38	65	27	46	+3	3057	2586	0.95	10.92	+5.12	37.98	+8.99
Green Bay	55	39	63	30	47	+3	2936	2443	1.26	6.95	+1.88	28.57	+3.29
La Crosse	59	43	68	35	51	+5	3631	2932	1.81	12.69	+7.32	43.53	+14.71
Madison	57	40	71	33	49	+4	3280	2892	2.40	13.40	+8.35	45.77	+16.99
Milwaukee	60	43	72	37	52	+4	3382	n.a.	1.80	7.86	+2.29	28.50	-1.18

1/ Formula used: GDD = (daily maximum (86°) + daily minimum (50°))/2-50°; where 86° is used if the maximum exceeds 86° and 50° is used if the minimum falls below 50°. \*Normal based on 1971-2000 data. n.a.=not available. T=trace Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>.

For more weather data, please reference the following sites: <http://www.noaa.gov/> <http://www.aos.wisc.edu/~sco/> <http://www.cocorahs.org/> <http://www.weather.gov/>

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